

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 710

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chaplain Roger Murphy for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Roger Murphy is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he was recently honored for his outstanding service as a volunteer chaplain; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary life, Chaplain Murphy has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Blount County Sheriff's Office for his decade of service as a volunteer chaplain with the Blount Special Operations Response Team (BSORT); and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Murphy is a valued part of BSORT, often delivering bad news to citizens during a crisis with a message of healing and hope for all; and

WHEREAS, also acting as a counselor to the Sheriff's Office employees, he is a trusted and beloved minister to many of the Blount County deputies; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Murphy's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on his faith and the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Roger Murphy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Chaplain Roger Murphy for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Blount County and Tennessee, and salute his outstanding volunteerism and unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.